

Remarks

The above-referenced application has been reviewed in light of the Examiner's Office Action dated February 9, 2005, which includes a restriction requirement. In response to the restriction requirement, applicant provisionally elects the Claims of Group I (Claim nos. 1-10) for prosecution on the merits. It is believed that a generic claim may be allowable.

For example, a proposed generic claim could read: "A voltage generating circuit comprising: mode means for controlling a voltage level of at least one of a first, a second and a third voltage in response to at least one operating mode signal; comparison means for comparing the voltage level of the first voltage with the voltage level of the second voltage; and adjusting means for controlling the voltage level of the third voltage in response to at least one of the mode means and the comparison means."


Here, the mode means is comprised by the control unit of Claim 1, the control unit of Claim 11, and the voltage level detecting unit of Claim 19; the comparison means is comprised by the distributing unit of Claim 1, the differential amplifier unit of Claim 11, and the voltage level detecting unit of Claim 19; and the adjusting means is comprised by the clamping control unit of Claim 1, the distributing unit of Claim 11, and the boosting unit of Claim 19.

Thus, each of Claims 1, 11 and 19 could depend from the proposed generic claim (although they need not, see 37 CFR 1.141), which would be generic to all three species. Should the Examiner find that such a generic claim

would be allowable, it is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement be withdrawn and that all original claims be considered for prosecution.

All issues raised by the Examiner having been addressed, an early and favorable consideration of this application on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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